

## SUNSHINE COLUMN

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL SUNSHINE SOCIETY.

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### MRS. RANSIER'S LETTER.

My Margaret.

Upon a crutch—her girlish face  
Delight with love and tender grace—  
Laughing, she limps from place to place

Upon a crutch.

And you and I, who journey through  
A rose-leaf world of down and dew,  
We cry to heaven o'er much.

We rail and frown at fate, while she  
And many more in agony  
Are brave and patient, strong and true

Upon a crutch.

—Robert Loveman.

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"Brave and Patient, Strong and True."

Dogwood, Ala.

My Dear Friend: Will you admit another shut-in in the sunshine of your heart? I have been in communication with Mrs. Baumhoff of St. Louis, (our Junior Leader), and she said to write to you, too. I saw your name in the International Sunshine booklet which our dear president-general sent me. I do not belong to any branch, only to headquarters, as there is no circle near me. I have been a member for three or four years, perhaps longer. My life is filled with much suffering and sorrow and I try to find pleasure which I do, in sending a ray of sunshine when I can into other lives who are shadowed, like my own, with much suffering. I've been down in the bed most of the time for twelve years. No tongue can tell the intense agony I have passed through in these twelve years, and am still suffering, but this is not the worst, dear friend. I have no dear parents to care for me in my suffering life, as they both went home to Jesus before I was nine years old. I live with a sister, sixty-three years old, who is not able to do anything for me but to give me a home; so you cannot wonder that I sometimes find my sorrows and privations so hard to bear. Her husband is also a partial invalid from rheumatism, and they are poor.

I piece quilts, both scrap and crazy work of silk and worsted when I can have the pieces. Have quilts on hand now, would be glad to sell to pay my doctor's bill, if I could, for I have that to pay and clothe myself and bed, but I have been much worse for over a year now from a severe spell, have not been able to do as much as usual, even of my sunshine work which I do all I can in sending reading and birthday remembrances to a number of the shut-ins, when I can have the postage.

Now, dear friend, please excuse me for telling you so much about myself, but I thought perhaps you could enlist some of your Sunshine friends in my behalf, for, oh! you little realize what affliction means to an orphan girl in a brother-in-law's house, when you are no longer able to work. If you should wish to know more of myself, you can write to Miss S. R., who has visited me, or to Rev. B. E. L., Monteville, Ala., who will vouch for the truth of my statement of my condition.

I enclose you one of Brother C's cards, perhaps you would like to exchange with him. His heart is in the work and he needs help so much.

Yours for sunshine,

MISS C. A. B.

Who would like Miss C. A. B's address, write for it and send her

some sunshine rays. The card she sent me was, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it," and I have passed it on to another shut-in and we are going to try to sell some of her work done in so much pain and sorrow. Sell it at our Sunshine booth at the Raleigh Fair. That is what we are going to have this booth for—to sell the work of our shut-ins and other Sunshiners, and to let everybody within reach know of our Southern Sunshine work.

Who will help?

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My Dear Mrs. Ransier: I notice in The Farmer that you are calling for contributions to be sent to the "Sunshine Booth" at the State Fair. I would like to know if only those who belong to "Sunshine Society" are asked to send in things to be sold? At what time should the articles be sent in, and who sets the price on them?

I am a poor girl and would like to make a few dimes for myself and the Sunshine Society, too. I can make real dainty handkerchiefs and would like to make several to be sold and half of the proceeds to go to Sunshine work.

Please let me know at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

CARRIE B. G.

My Dear Carrie, and all others who wish to know these same things: Indeed you are welcome to our Sunshine Society and Sunshine booth, for your wish and effort to help us makes you a "Sunshiner." Glad to have the dainty handkerchiefs and will sell them if we can and return to you if they don't sell, and you are to set your own price on them. I will have to tell you later through these columns as to the date they must be sent in, so do not miss reading the Farmer every week and watch for all news about our Sunshine Booth.

Let's hear from somebody else real quick.

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Dear Mrs. Ransier: Mrs. E., of Asheville, asked me to send something for your fair as I am a poor shut-in, working when I can get it, towards my support. I can only do a little. She said there would be a booth for shut-in work, and as I would like to do something I am sending one of my knit wash-rags, which I get ten cents for, also a lamp mat of Sunshine colors (yellow and white), twenty-five cents. I have made an odd little pin-cushion which I will give you for the benefit of Sunshine, and also a collar which was sent to me from another shut-in as a present to me a few days ago, and as I am in bed and cannot wear them, I thought to send it to you, so you can put the price on it what you think best. That is all I have at this time. I shall give you a list of my work. I am anxious to get all I can do. I also make table mats for hot dishes, five in a set, made of Dexter cotton, for one dollar. Also crocheted and knitted Shetland floss and shawls; also knitted towels and large bath wash rags. I enclose my card with articles and would be glad to have a letter from you. I have been a bed-ridden invalid for many years and a great sufferer since the great fire. My circumstances are changed so I try to help toward my support. Please let me know when you receive the articles, and I hope they will bring something and that the booth will be a success.

With best wishes and Sunshine greetings.

MISS ANNA R.

Please excuse pencil.

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Dear Readers of Sunshine: Write of Sunshine, write with a pencil or

anything that will scratch, for its what you say in the letter that counts with Sunshine, not the manner of saying it.

Now who next will write or donate for Sunshine exhibit or sale? Come, you must be quick or first thing you know it will be too late, and I must again impress it upon you that this Sunshine booth is not mine, but yours. Not only you who have already sent in your name as a 'Shiner,' but all whose eyes catch sight of these words, and whose hearts wish our Sunshine work success. Every one of you all over the State must come forward now and help what you can. The work and the booth is yours. If it is not a success (but it will be), it's because you let it be so, because you simply leave it alone. Any of your calves or cats or pets will die if you don't do anything for them or feed them. So with Sunshine. I'm doing all I can, but you must do too. There is no one who reads these words but that could do something if he or she will.

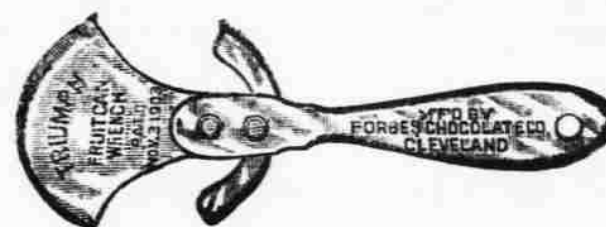
What will it be?

What will you do?

It's Not the Eleventh, But It's a Good One.

A professor has discovered among some ancient ruins what is supposed to be the eleventh commandment. The text is as follows: "Emas rof yltpmorp tseyap uoht sselnu repapswen a daer ton tlahs uoht." The commandment is easily translated by beginning at the end of the sentence and reading backward.

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